

## SECRETARY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

BENJAMIN MABRY BAKER, of Decatur, Wise county, was born in Girard, Russell county, Alabama, January 20, 1850; moved to Texas in November, 1869, and settled at Carthage, Panola county; received a common school education; read law, and was admitted to practice June 9, 1878; has been mayor of the town of Carthage, and was a member of the House of Representatives of the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Legislatures, being elected as a Democrat. Moved to Decatur, Wise county, in 1882, where he resumed the practice of his profession, and was appointed to his present position by the State Board of Education in January, 1883.